

Schoolhouse Task Force

Minutes of Meeting

March 19, 2014

Present: Pete Czaja, Roger Frey, Carla Hochschild, Greg Leech, Susan Thomas

Schoolhouse Ownership

Greg brought a copy of the original 1861 deed and a 1979 document conveying the Schoolhouse from the school district to the Town, confirming that the Town does own the Schoolhouse and the lot it sits on.

Water and Septic Situation

Greg reported he had contacted three engineers about examining the possibilities for septic and/or well construction at the Schoolhouse site. One from Bristol was not interested because of the distance. Sue Conklin of Conklin Engineering estimated a charge of \$75/hr. for about 10 hours' work. Greg will talk further with Charlie Van Winkle. We need a cost to design and construct a system using worst case and middle of the road scenarios.

Limitations of the Building

There was a discussion of the limitations of the building regarding use. Some insulation has been added to the building. Someone will contact Bob Murphy from the Vermont Energy Challenge. There is a certificate of occupancy for 49 people. We should talk to an architect who knows the building code about the limits of use. Would sprinklers be needed?

Other Schoolhouse Ownership Scenarios

There was a discussion of public versus private ownership of the Schoolhouse. Should the Task Force ask the Selectboard to have a conversation about whether they would consider selling the building. Are there advantages re grants, etc., to Town versus other non-profit ownership of the building. Would the Underhill Historical Society or the Jericho-Underhill Land Trust be interested in owning the building. Roger will speak with the JULT.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wed., April 2, 2014, at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Susan Thomas